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## **Des Moines Laboratory Update**

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## **COVID Screening Center Closure - Effective June 23, 2022**

Due to decreasing demand for pre-surgical COVID screening, we will be closing our COVID Screening Center at 303 University Avenue, Des Moines effective June 23. Routine lab collections, pre-procedure COVID collections and *non-symptomatic* patient COVID collections will be available at any of our three Patient Service Center locations (Des Moines, Clive, and Ankeny).

<u>NEW:</u> To ensure a positive and efficient patient experience, please encourage patients to schedule a time for all types of specimen collections (i.e. blood draw, COVID collection, etc). Scheduling laboratory collections enables time to ensure orders are received and have been clarified (if necessary), and prevents long wait times for our patients arriving for services. Please make sure that all future orders are faxed to the correct Patient Service Center location fax number, as the fax number at the COVID Screening Center will be shut off at the time of closure.

Please see the attached flier for information regarding online scheduling and Patient Service Center locations and hours.